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SUBJECT: LOS - AUSTRIAN INTEREST IN US VIEWS TOWARD
CONFERENCE

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1. AMBASSADOR WOLF CALLED ON AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON ON
OCTOBER 14 WHEN LATTER WAS IN NEW YORK CONDUCTING INFORMAL
CONSULTATIONS ON LOS MATTERS WITH CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS
NOW ATTENDING UNGA.

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2. RICHARDSON REVIEWED US ATTITUDE TOWARD CONFERENCE,
STRESSING IMPORTANCE OF RETURNING TO A BASIS FOR NEGOTIA-
TIONS ON SEABEDS ISSUES NO LESS FAVORABLE THAN ONE WHICH
EXISTED BEFORE CHAIRMAN ENGO MADE DRASTIC MIDNIGHT CHANGES
IN SEABEDS TEXTS SUBMITTED TO HIM BY NORWEGIAN MINISTER
EVENSEN AND PRODUCED IN FULL AND OPEN DEBATE.

3. WOLF INFORMED RICHARDSON ABOUT THIS WEEK'S MEETING OF LL/GDS IN NEW YORK TO EXAMINE ICNT AND TRY TO REACH AGREEMENT ON AN APPROACH THEY WOULD TAKE ON SEABEDS ISSUE, A SUBJECT ON WHICH, BECAUSE OF INTERNAL DIVISIONS, LL/GDS AS A GROUP HAD TRIED FOR LONG TIME TO KEEP A LOW PROFILE. WOLF SAID LL/GDS RECOGNIZED THAT IF SEABEDS ISSUE COULD NOT BE RESOLVED SATISFACTORILY, THE LL/GDS PROBLEM WOULD NOT BE SETTLED. IF THIS HAPPENED THERE WOULD BE NO TREATY AND THE LL/GDS WOULD BE THE MAIN LOSERS, FOR THEY HAD MORE TO GAIN WITH A TREATY THAN WITHOUT ONE. HE ASSERTED THAT THE LL/GDS WANT TO BE CONSTRUCTIVE ON SEABEDS IN ORDER TO FACILITATE A COMPROMISE. WOLF PROMISED TO GIVE RICHARDSON A REPORT OF THE LL/GDS MEETING. RICHARDSON NOTED THAT US HELP ON THE LL/GDS PROBLEM CAN ONLY BE LIMITED, BUT THAT WE WANT TO CONTRIBUTE TO RESOLUTION OF THE ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO THE LL/GDS. THE PROBLEM FOR US IS TIMING; HE ASKED WOLF TO LET US KNOW WHEN HE THOUGHT WE COULD BE HELPFUL.

4. WOLF SAID AUSTRIA'S BASIC INTEREST IN A COMPREHENSIVE LAW OF THE SEA TREATY WAS POLITICAL; AUSTRIA WANTED TO CONTRIBUTE TO CREATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE IN WHICH CONFRONTATION WOULD BE MINIMIZED, SINCE WORLD TENSIONS, ESPECIALLY EAST-WEST, INEVITABLY TEND TO DRAG AUSTRIA IN. AUSTRIA DID NOT EXPECT VERY MUCH IN AN ECONOMIC SENSE FROM AN LOS TREATY. VANCE
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